

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO:

Renewal notices are mailed out six weeks before the expiration date of tags, and this is ample time. If this bill became effective, law officers would have to ignore law enforcement the first five days of each month. Just because the Legislature granted a five-day delay for enforcement of safety inspection stickers, there is no reason to compound the error by enacting this bill.

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Rep. Barrientos called this veto an example of "Republican insensitivity." It is based on political considerations rather than on the needs of the people of Texas. It is not true that people get adequate notice for renewal. Many offices do send out notices six weeks ahead, but it is not required by law. This bill would have relieved citizens of an undue burden.

Alternate punishment for misdemeanors
(HB 1657 by G. Hill)

DIGEST: This bill would have allowed certain alternative punishments for persons found guilty of certain misdemeanors that are punishable by fine only. A judge could have suspended the fine and directed the defendant to post a bond for the fine, pay restitution to the victim (but not more than the fine), submit to professional counseling, and comply with any other reasonable condition.

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The identical Senate bill (SB 914) has already been passed and signed into law.

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

The sponsor has no objections to the veto.

NOTES:

For more information, see the HSG Daily Floor Report of May 12, 1981.

Extending deed restrictions
(HB 1705 by Colbert)

DIGEST: HB 1705 would have provided a procedure for extending or reinstating deed restrictions on land use in subdivisions located in cities without a comprehensive zoning ordinance. Property owners could petition to extend or reinstate a restriction, and those property owners who did not sign the petition would have the opportunity to opt out of any extended or reinstated restriction.